



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In August 2012 the Chiropractic Commission amended the statement of charges against chiropractor **Russell S. Tagg** (CH00002726). Tagg's license was immediately suspended in March 2012 for alleged sexual misconduct. Charges say he touched more than one client inappropriately during massage treatments.

## Clark County

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cindy Higdon** (NC10079361) with unprofessional conduct. Higdon allegedly documented that she had administered medications to several patients when she hadn't.

In August 2012 the Pharmacy Board released pharmacy technician **Cory A. Reese** (VA00072656) from terms and conditions set against his credential.

## King County

In August 2012 the Counselor Program ended the probation order against mental health counselor associate **Kathi Lee Buchanan** (MC60155168).

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In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the registered nursing assistant credential application of **Mikia Tacarra Cain** (NA60273563). Cain was convicted of first-degree identity theft in 2005.

In August 2012 the Pharmacy Board ended the probation order against pharmacist intern, pharmacy assistant, and pharmacist **Richard P. Cole** (IR00064870, VB00052991, PH60223078).

In August 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Roger S. Miller** (LP00056350) with unprofessional conduct. Miller allegedly didn't comply with a previous stipulation.

In August 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors entered into an agreed order with veterinarian **Eric E. Schneider** (VT00002015). Schneider must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Mabinty Williams** (NC10093665) with unprofessional conduct. Williams was allegedly caring for a five-week old baby, when the infant suffered chemical burns on her face and a torn frenulum in her mouth requiring emergency hospitalization. Williams was convicted of third-degree assault.

### **Mason County**

In August 2012 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program charged **Sheila Jorgenson** (LR00001508) with unprofessional conduct. Jorgenson allegedly tested positive for methadone during a workplace urinalysis.

### **Pierce County**

In August 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Ronni Marie Benson** (LP00052126) with unprofessional conduct. Benson allegedly didn't comply with a previous stipulation.

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **LaShaunda LaShae Crocklem** (NC60083783) with unprofessional conduct. Crocklem allegedly forged documents and a letter to Department of Social and Health Services in an attempt to get money from the agency.

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Teosia Paaga** (NC10068759) with unprofessional conduct. Paaga allegedly took \$30 from a resident at the assisted living facility where she worked.

In July 2012 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Karen E. Riveness** (LP00048682). Riveness must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Snohomish County**

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the credential of registered nursing assistant **Paulette L. Alston** (NA00108145) and placed it on probation for at least six months. Alston must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In August 2012 the Pharmacy Board ended the probation order against pharmacist **Christopher M. Karwoski** (PH00040262).

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the registered nursing assistant credential application of **Amanda Rose Kullman** (NA60178223). Kullman was convicted of third-degree theft in Oregon in 2004 or 2005 and third-degree theft in Washington in 2008, and didn't disclose the convictions on her application.

### **Spokane County**

In August 2012 the Counselor Program denied the licensed social worker credential application of **Corey M. Bauer** (SA60281666). Bauer's registered counselor credential was revoked for 10 years in 2005.

In August 2012 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order with chiropractor **Kevin L. Bond** (CH00001649). Bond must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jacob F. Colliton** (NA00141987) with unprofessional conduct. Colliton allegedly sought emergency care after ingesting ecstasy. During the hospital visit, he allegedly said he had been snorting and smoking Oxycontin for several months. Colliton also allegedly failed to cooperate with an investigation.

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ashley D. Muzatko** (NA60258332) with unprofessional conduct. Muzatko allegedly used a patient's Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card without permission.

In August 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the chemical dependency professional trainee credential application of **Martina Jane Nelson** (CO60264488). Nelson's social worker license in Montana was indefinitely suspended in 2010.

### **Thurston County**

In August 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the credential of certified nursing assistant **Pabior C. Ajang** (NC10085671). Ajang must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential including participation in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In August 2012 the Counselor Program charged certified sex offender treatment provider and independent clinical licensed social worker **Brian O. Cobb** (FC00000165, LW00006992) with unprofessional conduct. Cobb allegedly failed to provide proper supervision, maintain client files, develop community protection contracts, and provided substandard care to several patients.

In August 2012 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program charged **Carolyn R. Parris** (LR00003991) with unprofessional conduct. Parris allegedly failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

### **Out of state**

**Florida:** In August 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Darrin L. Frye** (MD60041498) with unprofessional conduct. Frye's license to practice medicine in Florida was suspended.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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